



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
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State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Name of Proposal: SCATTER CREEK WILDLIFE AREA DOUGLAS-FIR SAW-TOPPING

Description of Proposal: This is an oak habitat enhancement project designed to remove Douglas-fir trees that are over-topping and shading out Oregon White Oaks. Two hundred to four hundred Douglas-fir trees will be felled or saw-topped between 1 and 45 feet above the ground and their limbs will be removed. The goal is to increase the growth and vigor of the oaks that are currently shaded by the Douglas-fir trees and to provide snags that will eventually have cavities for cavity nesting birds and mammals in the Douglas-fir trunks that have been left standing.

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091- Contact: Kelly McAllister, Ph # (360-902-8136)

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The west half of the north unit and the north half of the south unit of the Scatter Creek Wildlife Area, Washington, Thurston County; Section 25 & 35, Township 16 North, Range 03 WestWM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **February 06, 2006**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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